

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDS AWARENESS POSTER PROJECT A CULTURALLY COMPETENT LESSON

My year long theme of Sustainability has offered numerous opportunities to remain committed to cultural relevant lessons. Household Hazards seemed a perfect place to weave a solid thread through sustainability, acids and bases, ecology, and what is known as environmental justice. Supported by a King County Solid Waste Division Hazards on the Homefront Mini-Grant this Household Hazard Waste awareness poster project was my main target for meeting Eckstein Middle School’s goal of creating “one culturally competent lesson” in this year’s curriculum.

Students were asked to create a poster to educate others about what they’ve been learning about household hazards and toxic chemicals. Their colorful, creative, illustrated poster will be hung in classrooms, janitor closets, and the kitchen areas around the school. Excellent posters may become part of the King County Household Hazardous Waste Education Program! Students were also reminded that people of many cultures and many languages need to be aware of household hazards. They were encouraged to create posters in the language that they are most comfortable with, or that members of their family speak. This was their opportunity to teach the larger culturally diverse community about important ideas.

I received posters in the following languages:

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| French | Korean | Hebrew |
| Spanish | Chinese | Swedish |
| Farsi | Somali | Romanian |
| Amharic | Indonesian | Italian |
| | Tamil | |

As a result, I’ve learned more about my students’ cultural backgrounds.
We’ve all learned to make the world a safer place.

